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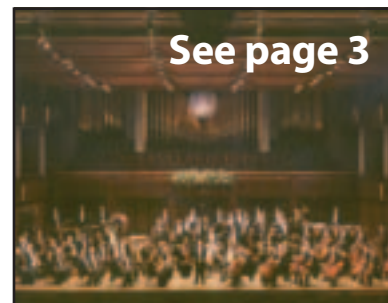
# VILLAGE NEWS

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## It's the Center's 20th anniversary

It may be hard to believe but it's been 20 years since the Friendship Heights Village Center first opened its doors on April 13, 1986. To mark this milestone, the Friendship Heights Village Council has planned a special celebration for the entire community.

This event will take place on **Sunday, April 30, from 2 to 4 p.m.** and will feature fun for the whole family. As always, we'll have great music, food and fellowship. This year, our "Maryland" theme highlights not only our immediate neighborhood, but the state



as well. After a greeting by our mayor, Melanie Rose White, we'll kick off the celebration with entertainment by the Brothers Flanagan, a barbershop quartet with a twist. Then we'll be treated to the jazz sounds of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School Jazz Ensemble.

From 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., the Chesapeake Children's Museum's MEOW (Museum Education on Wheels) Bus will visit the Village. This mobile museum offers creative arts activities related to animals of the Chesapeake Bay area.

Refreshments will be provided by Ridgewell's, and will feature the bounty of the Bay, as well as some other Maryland favorites. During our Community Day celebration, we will also select the winners of our survey contest — Don't forget to turn in your surveys ( or ask your neighbors to do so) by April 25.

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## Opening Day at RFK!

Join us for the Nationals' home opener against the New York Mets on **Tuesday, April 11**. We'll leave the Village Center at 11:45 a.m. and return by 5:45 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$69, which includes transportation, a great seat, under cover and past first base in section 303, and driver gratuity. Residents and one guest may sign up immediately; non-residents may sign up April 4. There are 24 tickets available.

## Visit the home of soldier-statesman George C. Marshall

Join us on a trip to Leesburg, Va. on **Tuesday, April 25** for lunch in a top Washington area restaurant and a docent-led tour of Dodona Manor, the home of Gen. George C. Marshall. Gen. Marshall — commander of U.S. army forces during World War II, architect of the postwar recovery plan for a devastated Europe, secretary of state, secretary of defense, special envoy to China, president of the American Red Cross and winner of the Nobel Peace Prize - lived in the house with his wife Katherine from 1941 to 1959.

In the years after Gen. Marshall's death, the property was badly neglected and by the time the George C. Marshall International Center purchased the house and the four acres to prevent development of the site, the roof was leaking, the windows sagging, and the paint peeling. Water filled the basement and poison ivy covered the trees. In 1999, the Center began the restoration of the house; it opened to the public in December.

Before arriving at Dodona Manor we will enjoy lunch at Tuscarora Mill, a charming restaurant set in a 19<sup>th</sup> century renovated grain mill and included in Wash-

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**Friendship Heights Village SURVEY!... see page 5**

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## Service Learning (SKIP) at the Center

On **Wednesday, April 5**, the afternoon kindergarten class from Somerset Elementary School will come to the Village Center for a Springtime Service Learning Project from 1 to 2 p.m.

Service Learning is a program that teams kindergarten children with local senior citizens. Both children and senior citizens have the opportunity to learn from and enjoy each others' company.

Anyone interested in being a SKIP volunteer is asked to call the Village Center at 301 656-2797. Volunteers may attend any or all of the sessions.

## Home of George C. Marshall, continued from page 1

ingtonian Magazine's "Top 100 Very Best Restaurants" list. Our menu will include a salad of tossed greens, grilled breast of chicken with palenta and sauteed vegetables, and chocolate truffle mousse cake. Please let us know if you prefer a vegetarian meal at time of sign-up.

To learn more about Gen. Marshall before our trip, be sure to attend the lecture at the Village Center given by Rachel Thompson, Educational Director at the Marshall International Center. The presentation will be held on **Monday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m.** Mrs. Thompson will be our docent at Dodona.

We will leave the Village Center at 10:15 a.m. and return home around 4:30 p.m. The cost of the trip, which includes lunch, tour, transportation and all gratuities, is \$69. Residents and one guest may sign up immediately; nonresidents may sign up April 14. There are 24 spaces available.

## Community Day, continued from page 1

Please hand this survey (more are available at the Center) to a resident who has not attended many or any events at the Village Center. We'd like to know why they don't take advantage of many of the programs available. Two lucky winners could go home with gift certificates from Clyde's. Please join us for this very special celebration!



## Friendship Heights VILLAGE NEWS

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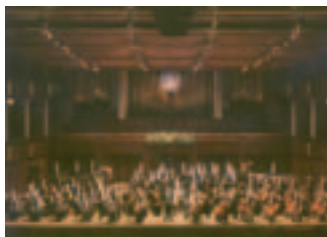
# ON the GO...

## Enjoy a morning of music with the NSO

Join us for an open rehearsal of the National Symphony Orchestra in the Kennedy Center Concert Hall on **Thursday, May 11**.

Leonard Slatkin will conduct a program that includes Stravinsky's Symphonies of Wind Instruments, Mendelssohn's Octet in E-flat major for Strings, Op. 20, Chávez's Toccata for Percussion Instruments, and, Bartók's Suite from *The Miraculous Mandarin*, Op. 19.

We will leave the Village Center at 9 a.m. and return before 1 p.m. The cost of the trip is \$15. Residents with one guest may sign up immediately; non-residents may sign up beginning April 14. There are 46 tickets available.



## Digital Photography: From Creation to Final Print

Photographer Tony Sweet will teach a one-day digital photography workshop at the Village Center on **Saturday, June 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Participants will shoot both indoors and outside in the morning, process their images, have their work critiqued in the afternoon, and produce at least two prints using onsite processing. You must have your own digital camera and a working knowledge of exposure (f/stop and shutter speed). Bring a laptop if possible; instructor will have one available. Students will work through lunch, so bring a brown bag if you'd like.

Mr. Sweet's work is published on greeting cards, calendars, post cards, posters, annual reports, catalogs, articles, and electronic mediums. The cost for the workshop is \$40 for people 60 and older; \$65 for those under 60; and an additional \$50 for non-Maryland residents. Please sign up at the Village Center.



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East Asian economics specialist Erland Heginbotham, will speak on this topic at the Village Center on **Thursday, April 27, at 7 p.m.** Dr. Heginbotham is a professor of Asian Studies at The Johns Hopkins University, School of Advanced International Studies and also teaches at the National Foreign Affairs Training Center. In 1982 he concluded 27 years as a diplomat with the U.S. Foreign Service. Since 1982 he has held a number of positions including senior staff member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee; Director of the Office of Industries of the U.S. International Trade Commission; senior research fellow at the Institute for Defense Analyses; founder and director of Gateway Japan; and, Director of the China Agriculture Strategy Project at the Institute for Global Chinese Affairs. Please sign up for this Bamberger Series lecture by calling 301-656-2797.

# George C. Marshall Lecture

George C. Marshall was the first professional soldier to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. His decisions as a general during World War II and a peacemaker in its wake helped shape 20th-century American history. Learn more about this remarkable man when Rachel Thompson, Education Director at the George C. Marshall International Center, presents a program entitled "Fully Equal of the Best: A Soldier's Story" at the Village Center on **Monday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m.**

Mrs. Thompson, an educational writer and expert on Gen. Marshall, is an adjunct professor at George Washington University and has written for WETA and for the White House Historical Association. She taught American History in Fairfax County schools for 31 years.

Sign up for the lecture by calling 301-656-2797. For more information on the trip to Marshall's home in Leesburg, led by Mrs. Thompson, see page 1.



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# Friendship Heights Village Survey

Please return to the  
Center by April 25

## Have you ever attended a function at the Friendship Heights Village Center?

If yes, was it a (please circle):

Large community-wide event (eg. July 4<sup>th</sup>, Community Day, Fall Festival)?

New residents party?    Lecture or book signing?    Class?    Trip?    Movie or concert?

Other \_\_\_\_\_

## If you have not attended any function at the Center, was it because (please circle):

You didn't know about it?    It didn't interest you?    Didn't want to go alone?

Day or time wasn't convenient? If so, what days and times are good for you?

Other \_\_\_\_\_

## If you have visited the Center and not returned, could you tell us why?

## Do you regularly read our newsletter, *The Village News*? If not, can you tell us why?

## What would you like to see the Center provide? (please circle):

More social gatherings (eg. wine and cheese parties)

Different kinds of trips (eg. dinners at restaurants, active outings like hikes)

More programming for parents and young children?

Other \_\_\_\_\_

## Any other suggestions or comments:

## Age category:

21 to 35                  36 to 50                  over 50

married or single?

children or grandchildren?

## Please sign your name below for a chance to win a \$100 gift certificates to Clydes.

The prize drawing will be held at Community Day at the Center, Sunday, April 30, 2006. You need not be present to win, but we'd love to see you there! If this survey was given to you by someone else, please give us that person's name so he/she might have a chance at a prize too.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

This survey was given to me by \_\_\_\_\_

# PLAYING on the BIG SCREEN

*All movies now begin at 7 p.m.*

**Thursday, April 6, 7:00 p.m. —  
Good Night, and Good Luck.**

George Clooney pays homage to one of the icons of American broadcast journalism, Edward R. Murrow, in this fact-based drama, which was Clooney's second feature film as a director. In 1953, Edward R. Murrow was one of the best-known newsmen on television as host of the talk show "Person to Person" and the investigative series "See It Now." Joseph McCarthy, a U.S. senator from Wisconsin, was generating no small amount of controversy in the public and private sections with his allegations that Communists had risen to

positions of power and influence in America. As a result of McCarthy's accusations, Air Force Pilot Milo Radulovich was drummed out of service and dismissed without a formal hearing. When Murrow decided to do a story questioning the legitimacy of Radulovich's dismissal, McCarthy responded by accusing Murrow of being a Communist. Stars David Strathairn, George Clooney, Robert Downey Jr., and more. Rated PG. Running Time: 90 minutes.

**Thursday, April 13, 7:00 p.m. —  
Just Like Heaven.** When David rents his new apartment, the last

thing he wants is company. Then Elizabeth shows up, insisting the apartment is hers. He's convinced she's a spirit; she's convinced she's still alive. As they search for the truth of Elizabeth's past, their relationship changes from resentment to romance. Rated PG-13. Running Time: 95 minutes.

**Thursday, April 20, 7:00 p.m. —  
Café Muse, see page 14 for  
details.**

**Thursday, April 27, 7:00 p.m. —  
Lecture on China.**

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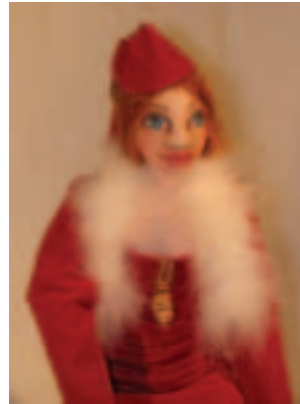
# FRIENDSHIP GALLERY

## The dolls are back!

The very creative works of the G Street Doll Club will be on display in the Friendship Gallery during the month of April. The work of the G Street Doll Artists is nationally known and always a hit at the Village Center. These dolls are very sophisticated works of art and all are delightful.

The Doll Club has enjoyed a busy year. The dolls were sold at holiday shows at Strathmore Hall and The National Museum of Women in the Arts. Recently the club donated 11 custom-designed dolls to The American Heart Association for auction at its annual fundraising gala. The dolls represented the decades of the 20th Century, and the year 2006, and were each dressed in red to honor The Heart Association's *Go Red for Women* campaign.

The show runs from April 2 through April 30. All are invited to meet the artists at a reception on **Sunday, April 2, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.** Exhibit hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday,



"Ernestine" represents the years 1930 to 1939 (a factory worker who is all dressed up to go out for the evening in her velvet suit). Ernestine was made by Sue Daniel of the Doll Club, and was based on a pattern by Patti Culea.



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### **BONES FOR LIFE (EVENING)**

See description above. For help in relaxing after a stressful day — this class may be your answer. The 4-week series meets Wednesdays from 7 to 8:30 PM. Cost is \$40. Begins April 19.

### **CONVERSATIONAL SPANISH 1**

This 8-week course begins April 26. Students will learn basic expressions and grammar. Emphasis will be on conversation, listening comprehension, reading and grammar. Instructor Elena Marra-Lopez has taught teenagers and adults at Sidwell Friends School, Washington International School, Montgomery College and the USDA Graduate School. The class meets Wednesdays, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The cost is \$160 for residents, \$170 for nonresidents

and \$80 for anyone 65 or older. Supplies may be an extra charge. Session ends June 14.

### **DIGITAL PHOTOGRAPHY**

A one-day workshop on digital photography taught by Tony Sweet on June 3, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants will shoot both indoors and outside, process their images, have their work critiqued, and produce at least two prints. You must have your own digital camera and a working knowledge of exposure (f/stop and shutter speed). Bring a laptop if possible; instructor will have one available. Bring a brown bag lunch. Cost is \$40 for people 60 and older; \$65 for those under 60; and an additional \$50 for non-Maryland residents. Checks should be made payable to Montgomery College. Sign up at the Village Center. The minimum is 12 participants; maximum is 15. More details on page 3.

### **MAT PILATES**

A 6-week session begins April 18. Meets Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$70 for residents and \$80 for nonresidents. This particular class is not recommended for pregnant women or those with serious spinal conditions without a physician's approval. Instructor Ginger Russell has been certified by the *Physical Mind Institute*. Please bring a Pilates/Yoga mat and bath towel. Session ends May 23. Maximum number of students is 15.

### **MIND MAPPING**

A one-day workshop on May 3, from 1 to 4 p.m. Paul Williams teaches this technique that benefits communication, memory improvement, decision making, problem solving and plan-

ning. Cost is \$65. More details on page 11.

### **PORTRAITURE IN PENCIL AND PASTEL**

This 6-week class, taught by award-winning artist and photographer Marianne Winter, begins April 19. Meets Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. Students will concentrate on achieving likeness using photos or reproductions of artwork. Please bring a pad and pencil or pastel to the first class. The cost is \$60. (Maximum number of students is 8). Session ends May 24.

### **STILL LIFE PAINTING**

A 10-week course with noted artist Joan Samworth emphasizing the elements of art: line, color, texture, shape and value. Class is designed to meet the needs of all levels of experience. Advance at your own pace with individual critiques and instruction. Suggested media are pastels, watercolor, acrylics, color pencil. Supply list will be handed out first day of class. Begins April 27. Meets Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. (you may bring lunch — brown bag only). The cost is \$140 for residents; \$145 for nonresidents. Last class is June 29.

### **TAI CHI (TUESDAY)**

This 6-week session begins April 25. Meets Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$30. Session ends May 30.

### **TAI CHI (THURSDAY)**

This 6-week session begins April 27. Meets Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. The cost is \$30. Session ends June 1.





## ONGOING GROUPS, CLUBS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

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### COFFEE AND CURRENT EVENTS

This long-running discussion group meets informally every Friday from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Led by group members.

### CONCERTS

Free live music is presented every Wednesday throughout the year at 7:30 p.m. Following "Special Lunch" each month there is a free concert at 1 p.m. Check the calendar and concert page for each week's performance information. No registration is required. All are welcome.

### GREAT BOOKS DISCUSSION GROUP

Book lovers participate in lively presentations and discussions of works, usually taken from the Great Books series. Leadership is rotated among group members. Meets Mondays from 10 a.m. to noon. Contact Jean McNelis at 301-656-6695.

### HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING

Free assistance offered by the Maryland Cooperative Extension's Senior Health Insurance Assistance Program. Meets on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

Call 301-590-2819 for an appointment; walk-ins are welcome.

### MOVIES

All are invited to enjoy a movie and popcorn most Thursdays at 7:15 p.m. at the Village Center. There is no cost. Movie titles listed on the "Big Screen" page.

### SCRABBLE

This active group of Scrabble players meets at the Center every Thursday, beginning at 6:30 p.m. All are welcome.

### TEA TIME

Village residents and their guests are invited to tea every Tuesday from 3 to 4 p.m. Hot beverages, cookies and fruit are served by Village volunteers. There is no cost.

### VILLAGE PLAY TIME

Children of all ages are welcome to be together at the Village Center most Thursdays from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Games, toys and play equipment will be set out in the auditorium for their enjoyment. Children must be accompanied by

a caregiver, friend or family member over age 13.

### VISION TRANSITIONS

Low vision doesn't have to mean "no vision." These free monthly meetings offer education and support for people with vision problems. Sponsored by the Prevention of Blindness Society, Vision Transitions meets one Thursday evening a month at the Village Center and features talks by guest speakers. To register, call 301-656-2797. For more information about Vision Transitions, call 202-234-1010 or visit [www.youreyes.org](http://www.youreyes.org).

### WALKING CLUB

Leaves the Center every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8:15 a.m. for a walk through a nearby neighborhood. Contact Helen Davis, 301-718-6340, or Marjorie Yahraes, 240-497-0050 for more information.

### YIDDISH

Meets Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. to speak and read in Yiddish. Contact Maurice Singer at 202-362-0883 for details.

## Well suited for 'Success'

Thanks to the generosity of the Village residents our "Send One Suit" clothing drive to benefit "Dress for Success" was an unqualified success. During our drive at the beginning of March, we collected more than 40 suits, shirts and skirts. The suits and career clothing will be given to low-income women entering the workforce. Adding to our community effort was Galaxie Cleaners, which agreed to dry clean 20 suits. Thank you again.

## Learn mind mapping

Mind mapping, creating a diagram used for linking words and ideas to a central key word or idea, is a powerful technique that can help people, regardless of age, to maximize their brain power. It benefits communication, memory improvement, decision making, problem solving and planning.

Paul Williams has taught mind mapping to more than 1,000 people, from elementary school students to senior citizens. He will conduct a one-day workshop at the Village Center on **Wednesday, May 3, from 1 to 4 p.m.** Cost is \$65.

# CONCERTS

**Concerts are performed Wednesdays, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Huntley Hall.** *Before entering the auditorium, please turn off any cell phones or electronic devices. If you arrive after the concert has begun, please wait for a break in the performance before entering.*

**Wednesday, April 5— Minter, Minter and Company.** The husband and wife team of pianist/arranger George and Marilyn delight the audiences with their cabaret act of popular standards and show tunes. They make music with all the glitz you would come to expect of artists who have appeared in the world's foremost night clubs.

**Wednesday, April 12—Capitol Women's Chorus.** The Capital Accord Chorus is a progressive women's chorus performing four-part a cappella harmony. From songs like the jazz favorite

"Tuxedo Junction" and "San Francisco Bay Blues", you'll enjoy their repertoire of standards, along with songs that will tug at your heartstrings and tickle your funnybone.

**Wednesday, April 19— Haskell Small.** Pianist/composer Haskell Small first came to public attention after winning the Pittsburgh Concert Society auditions at the age of 21. A recipient of a solo recitalist grant from the National Endowment for the Arts and of a top prize at the Johann Sebastian Bach International Piano Competition, Mr.

Small's concerts throughout the U.S., including Carnegie Hall, Alice Tully Hall, the National Gallery of Art and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, have won him an enthusiastic audience.

**Wednesday, Jan. 25 — Ellyn Crawford.** Ellyn Crawford is a versatile soprano who adds the beauty of a trained voice to her performance. Ms. Crawford performs widely as an opera and oratorio singer. She has appeared at the Spoleto Festival in Melbourne, Australia, and has sung major roles in the Washington Savoyards and Washington Opera.



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## TO YOUR HEALTH

### This joint is jumping!

Arthritis and injury cause millions of Americans to suffer joint pain. The Suburban Health Talk on **Wednesday, April 12, at 1 p.m.**, will help you identify ways to deal the associated pain, swelling and stiffness. Learn about joint replacement surgery and the new joint center at Suburban Hospital. Dr. Christopher Carnnova will tell you how to return to an active lifestyle quickly after joint replacement surgery.

There is no cost for the talk, but please call 301-656-2797 to let us know if you plan to attend.

### Who's who in eye care

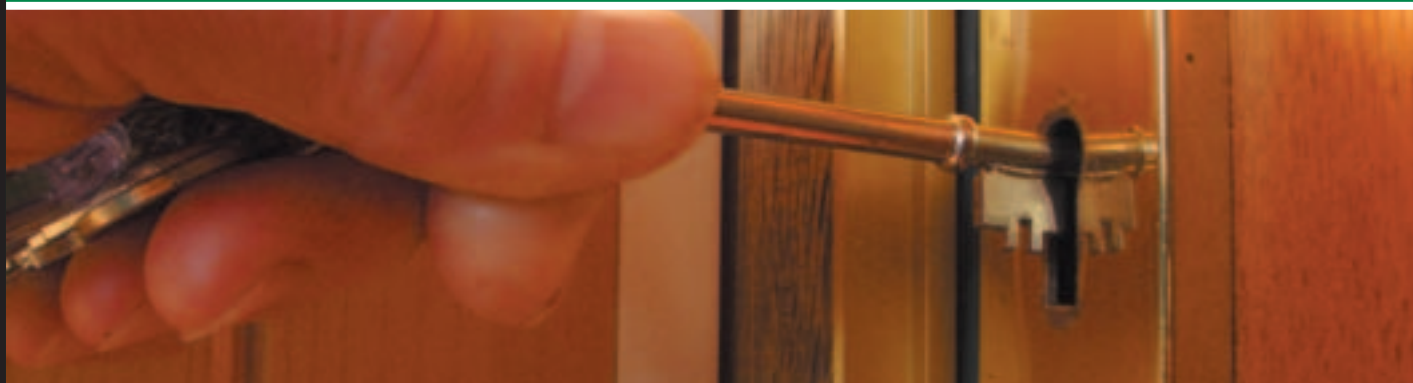
Ever wonder about the difference among opticians, ophthalmologists, optometrists, and low vision experts? Join Vision Transitions on **Thursday, April 20, from 6:30 to 8 p.m.** at the Village Center when Patrick Sheehan and Janet Morrison make these distinctions clear. To register, call 301-656-2797. For more information about Vision Transitions, call 202-234-1010 or visit [www.youreyes.org](http://www.youreyes.org).

### Friendship frocks and fashions

Join us for a fashion show on **Wednesday, April 19, at 2 p.m.** Draper's & Damon's of Sumner Place in Bethesda will provide the outfits modeled by Village residents. Join us for tea and a look at the new spring and summer line of casual, dressy and travel clothes. There will also be a drawing for a \$25 gift certificate from Draper's & Damon's. Please call 301-656-2797 to reserve a seat.

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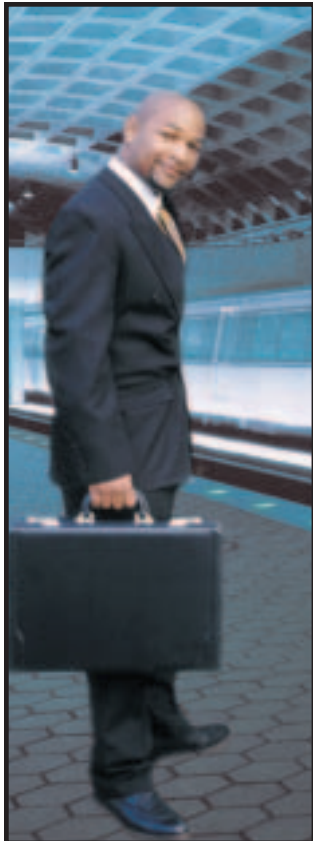
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## Memories...

Do you have a favorite memory of life in the Village? We'd like to know so that we can include it in our Community Day celebration. Please submit your favorite memories of our community—50 words or less, please—to the Village Center by April 25.

## Cafe Muse presents...

This month's Café Muse, on **Thursday, April 20, at 7 p.m.**, presents a translation reading, featuring Carolyn Wright and Dilara Hashem and Roberto Severino.

Dilara Hashem is a Bangladeshi writer and author of thirty novels and a volume of poetry. In 1976 she received the Bangla Academy Award for her fiction. A professional broadcaster, she is still working with the Voice of America. Carolyn Wright who will be reading Ms. Hashem's work in translation, has published seven books and chapbooks of poetry. Her most recent collection, *Seasons of Mangoes and Brainfire*, won the Blue Lynx Prize, Oklahoma Book Award in Poetry, and American Book Award from the Before Columbus Foundation.

Roberto Severino, a native of Catania, Sicily, has been a professor at Georgetown University since 1973. He has two collections of poems in Italian and several translations. He will be reading his own work in translation. He has received Italy's Commander Cross and Gold Medal for Outstanding Cultural Merits.

Classical guitar selections performed by Michael Davis are presented each month at 7 p.m. Attending poets are invited to participate in an open reading that concludes the Café Muse program. A sign-up sheet will be available at 7 p.m.

Café Muse is presented by The Village of Friendship Heights and The Word Works, a nonprofit literary organization that has sponsored public programs for over 25 years. The evening is free, but please call the Village Center at 301-656-2797 to let us know you are coming.



## Want to join a bridge club?

Some interest in reviving weekly bridge games at the Center has been expressed. If you would like to join a bridge club (probably Friday afternoons), please call Jennie at 301-656-2797 and give name, phone number and level of playing- beginning, intermediate or advanced.



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# Village Council Corner

## Police Seek Graffiti Vandals \$2,000 Reward Offered

Montgomery County Police are investigating reports of graffiti vandalism that occurred recently in the Village. The first incident occurred sometime between the evening of Wednesday, February 1, and the morning of Thursday, February 2, at the bus shelter at the corner of Willard Avenue and North Park Avenue. An unknown type of sharp object was used to carve and etch the shelter windows. Most of the markings were straight lines, but the initials "MBY" and "MBK" were also readable.

The second incident was discovered on Friday, February 3. Graffiti was found on several walls in Willoughby Park. Black spray paint was used to spray paint "System of a Down", "be ezay", "Bone Thugz -n- Harmony", "bown thugz -n- harmony", and "Alec". Other areas of the Village were also targeted about the same time.

Montgomery County Police are thoroughly investigating these crimes and are seeking the public's help in providing information about the suspect(s) responsible



for them. Anyone who has information (you may remain anonymous) should call **Crime Solvers of Montgomery County** at 1-866-411-TIPS (8477).

Crime Solvers will pay a cash reward of up to \$1,000 for information provided to them that leads to an arrest and/or indictment in these incidents, and the Village is offering an additional reward of \$1,000.

### Council actions at the March 13 public session:

- Approved FY2007 budget and tax rate;
- Awarded Humphrey Park landscaping renovation contract to American Plant Food;
- Awarded landscaping maintenance contract to McFall and Berry; hanging flower basket contract to T&J Lawn Service; interior plant maintenance contract to Interior Garden Designs.
- Awarded fountain maintenance contract to Culler Irrigation.



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